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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Craig Van Buuren

Appln. No.: 10/796,557

Examiner: Fiorito

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Art Unit: 1793

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR
SIMULATING A BIOLOGICAL HEAP
LEACHING PROCESS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:
Applicant requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

Previously submitted:

- Applicant requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- Please enter and consider the Response To Final Rejection previously filed on March 11, 2009.
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- Other: _____.

Attached is/are:

- An Information Disclosure Statement
- An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
- Other: _____

Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

 Small Entity Status:

- Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer desired.

 Applicant calculates the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A request fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
- An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

 Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$810.00 (RCE request fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)).
- A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

April 30, 2009
Date

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